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the Fifteenth Assembly District, before and after the Raines Law." The report states that the Raines bill has unquestionably been a great benefit to the district.

One of the discouraging features unearthed was the paucity of bath-tubs, the average being one tub to 7.9 families, and in one section the average fell to one to 17.9 families.

HARRY D. HUNT.

## STUDY OF STATISTICS.

The following courses in Statistics are announced by the London School of Economics and Political Science for the academic year 1896-97: —

1. Elementary Statistics; the Relation of Statistics to Economics; the Common Use of Statistics; selected chapters from Giffen's Essays on Finance; Jevon's Principles of Science; Charles Booth's Labour and Life in London.

2. Methods of Statistics, with special reference to industry and commerce. By A. L. Bowley, M.A.

- I. General methods of statistics; collection of data; criticism and analysis of returns; interpolation and completion; tabulation and publication; averages, their meaning and use; graphic methods; criteria of accuracy of results; application of the theory of probability.
- II. Practical investigation, carried on in class, to illustrate general methods (if found possible to arrange).
- III. Special groups of figures; methods of collection; value of results; figures already collected; figures needing collection.

3. Methods of Statistics, with special reference to the incidence of taxation. By C. P. Sanger, B.A.

4. A class under the direction of H. J. Mackinder, M.A. The following subjects will be dealt with: The cartographic presentation of statistics; the interpretation of statistical maps; the calculation of quantities per unit of area.

5. Lectures: (1) "Life Tables," etc. By F. Y. Edgeworth, M.A., D.C.L. (2) "Statistics in relation to Historical Investigation." By W. A. S. Hewins, M.A.

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